THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (d) The Delhi Urban Arts Commission was set up under Delhi Urban Arts Commission Act, 1973 with the object of preserving, developing and maintaining the aesthetic quality of urban and environmental design within Delhi. During the 17 years of its existence, it has been able to achieve this objective by encouraging good designs and preventing and discouraging bad ones and creating awareness amongst professionals about the importance of harmony of the overall urban city scape. No specific review of its functioning has been undertaken.

Shortage of Railway Wagons

1140. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing shortage of railway wagons and by what percentage the shortfall rises during the peak season;

(b) by what percentage the wagon shortfall has risen due to diversion of road traffic to the Railways due to diesel shortage;

(c) what is the impact of the wagon shortage, on the overall railway earnings during 1990 as compared to the earnings during 1989;

(d) what is the annual addition of railway wagons during 1987, 1988 and 1989; and

(e) whether any programme has been formulated to meet the wagon shortage?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Shortage is experienced only in the busy season which lasts from October to March, every year and in the current year it is of the order of 5 to 7 per cent.

(b) Marginally.

(c) Not possible to assess for many other factors affected freight traffic.

(d) There was a net addition of 22994 wagons to the wagon fleet, during the period 1987-88 to 1989-90.

(e) Funds permitting, it is proposed to step up the acquisition of wagons, during the next three years of eighth five year plan.

Circular rail system in Madras

1141. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the circular rail system sanctioned for Madras is at standstill since this Government have assumed office; and

(b) if so, when the scheme would be completed since it is a long felt need of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is no such approved project with the Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

Tourist Hotels in T. N., Kerala and Andhra Run by the Central Government

1142. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist Hotels run by the Central Government in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the tourist hotels run by the Centre are running at a loss; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to increase the marginal profit to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) The Central Ministry of Tourism is not operating any hotel in the country. However, ITDC, a Central Public

Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tourism, operates two hotels in Tamil Nadu, one hotel in Kerala and three hotels in Karnataka. ITDC presently does not own/operate any hotel in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Out of 25 hotels owned and operated by ITDC in the country, 18 have made profit and only 7 hotels have incurred losses during 1989-90. ITDC makes continuous efforts to increase profit margin from its hotel operations.

Funds allocated for Dindigul-Madurai-Tuticorin Broad Gauge Rail Line

1143. SHRI R. GANESAN *alias* MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allotted to Dindigul-Madurai-Tuticorin broad gauge during this financial year;

(b) out of it, how much has been spent so far;

(c) out of the total work, the work completed so far;

(d) on the present price level, how much funds would be required to complete this project; and

(e) by when the project is expected to be ready for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) A sum of Rs. 11.5 crores for parallel BG line on Dindigul-Madurai and Rs. 1.5 crore for gauge conversion of Madurai-Maniyachchi section have been provided in 1990-91.

(b) Rs. 5.2628 crores on Dindigul-Madurai section and Rs. 0.1830 crores on Madurai-Maniyachchi section had been spent upto December, 1990.

(c) 47 per cent on Dindigul-Madurai section and 2.5 per cent on Madurai-Maniyachchi section.

(d) Rs. 27.20 crores for Dindigul-Madurai section and Rs. 60.50 crores for Madurai-Maniyachchi section would be required in addition to the outlays provided upto 1990-91.

(e) Would depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

Madras Rapid Transport system in Madras

1144. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds have been allotted during this financial year for Madras Rapid Transport System;

(b) out of which, how much has been spent so far;

(c) of the total work, how much has been completed so far; and

(d) on present price level, how much funds are required to complete this project and by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Allotment for 1990-91 —Rs. 14 crores.

(b) Rs. 7.17 crores upto 31-1-91.

(c) Physical Progress achieved upto January, 1991——42 per cent.

(d) At present price level, about Rs. 100 crores more would be required to complete the project.

Completion of the project would depend upon:—

(i) availability of funds in the coming years, and

(ii) handing over of the balance land from Radhakrishnan Salai to Luz by the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu.